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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

14. (four times amended) A method of screening substances for a substance capable of causing an aberrant receptor, which has substantially changed affinity for substances that have a natural affinity for a non-aberrant receptor, to operate in a manner similar to the non-aberrant receptor comprising:

- 1) bringing the aberrant receptor into contact with a subject substance,
- 2) determining the operation activity of said substance on said receptor,